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Dear Sen. Crisco, Rep. Fontana and Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

Please support HB 6582, an act establishing the Connecticut Health Care Partnership and HB 6600, the Sustinet health plan that would provide quality, affordable health care to everyone in Connecticut.

HB 6582 would open up opportunities to the underinsured. The Sustinet health care plan HB 6600 is one that I truly support. I work with the underinsured and uninsured through the WIC program and see the many challenges that families and children face when in this situation.

I talk to many of my clients whom are families who express their frustration with our health care system and have to wait months for their babies, toddlers, and or children to be seen by a Doctor due to the overwhelming waiting lists. There are cases where due to not being able to be seen by a physician, these families have to go to the Emergency Rooms and of course it is very expensive to pay their bills when put in that situation. Most of these children are not receiving timely preventative care and cannot receive quality dental care because there are only a few Dentists that will accept Husky. These patients can not receive the timely, preventative care they deserve.

The medical home component of Sustinet would be beneficial and a crucial component in fixing Connecticut's broken health care system. Please put yourselves in the shoes of these children and families and always remember that anyone can lose their health care plan at any given moment. Please support these bills and make sure that everyone is treated equally and not solely on the type of health care plan they currently have.

Sincerely,

Natalie Gill